



Congressman

Kevin Brady

8th District of Texas

Congressman Brady Biography

Kevin Brady is serving his fourth term in Congress, representing the Eighth District of Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives. The 8th District of Texas includes North Houston (north Harris County) and most of Montgomery County.

In order to stay close to the communities and neighborhoods he represents, Congressman Brady continues to live in The Woodlands with his wife Cathy, and two young sons, Will (5) and Sean (2), commuting to Washington to work each week.

LEADERSHIP: Congressman Brady joined the Whip Team as a Deputy Whip in 2003. This position enables residents of the 8th District to have a bigger voice in matters considered in Washington.

FOCUS: As a member of Congress, Brady has focused on international trade, technology, tax reform, and closing safe havens around the globe for criminals who flee American justice. He is best known as author of the Federal Sunset Act which would abolish obsolete agencies and eliminate duplication by placing an expiration date on every federal program where they must justify their existence to taxpayers or face elimination.

Currently, one of Brady's top priorities is strengthening trade between the United States and Central America. He is spearheading Congressional support for the Central American Free Trade Agreement. Negotiations have concluded and the agreement is now awaiting consideration and passage in Congress.

Mr. Brady also has a special interest in curing Pulmonary Hypertension, for now an incurable disease that strikes women and young children in growing numbers.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS: Congressman Brady is a Member of the House Ways & Means Committee, filling a seat formerly held by Chairman Bill Archer and 41st President of the United States, George H. W. Bush. Considered by many to be the most powerful committees in Congress, the Ways & Means Committee has jurisdiction over all legislation relating to taxes, Medicare, international trade, welfare, and Social Security. Brady serves on the Social Security and Select Revenue Measures Subcommittees. The future of the 8th Congressional District, and to a large extent the future of America, will be shaped by the critical issues that begin in the Ways & Means Committee.

Additionally, Congressman Brady also serves on the House Policy Committee, the Republican policy shaping arm of Congress and is a member of the Speaker appointed Values Action Team that addresses many of the social policy decisions before Congress.

AWARDS: In Congress he has been named a Hero of the Taxpayer, Small Business Champion and a Super Friend-of-the-Seniors. He has received the Golden Bulldog Award by Watchdogs of the Treasury, special recognition by Citizens Against Government Waste, and is a perennial winner of the Guardian of Small Business Award and Spirit of Enterprise Award. The Texas Medical Association recently honored Congressman Brady with its statewide Patient Protection Award, and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice named him their Texas Victims Advocate in 1998.

PRIOR PUBLIC SERVICE: A chamber of commerce executive for eighteen years, Congressman Brady is a staunch believer in free enterprise and local control, and understands first hand the challenges facing communities and independent business people in America. Prior to his election to the U.S. Congress in 1996, Kevin Brady served six years in the Texas House of Representatives, earning distinction as one of the Ten Best Legislators for Children & Family Issues, Legislative Standout for campaign finance reform, and in 1994 was named one of Five Outstanding Young Texans. He also received numerous awards from victims' rights groups for his criminal justice reform.

PERSONAL: One of five children, he was born April 11, 1955 in Vermillion, South Dakota and received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of South Dakota. A Rotarian, active in his community, Kevin, his wife, Cathy, and sons Will and Sean attend Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands.
